

AMENDED IN ASSEMBLY APRIL 14, 2005

CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2005–06 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 584

Introduced by Assembly Member Blakeslee

February 16, 2005

~~An act to repeal Chapter 14 (commencing with Section 8899.10) of Division 1 of Title 2 of~~ *An act to amend Sections 8899.15 of, and to repeal Section 8899.26 of, the Government Code, relating to seismic safety, and making an appropriation therefor.*

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 584, as amended, Blakeslee. Seismic safety.

Existing law required that an Earthquake Research Evaluation Conference be held to critique existing and emerging technologies for earthquake research and recommending a comprehensive plan for earthquake research.

Existing law creates the continuously appropriated Alfred E. Alquist Earthquake Fund to award a maximum of 5 grants for the 1991–92 fiscal year to commercialize technologies that will predict earthquakes or mitigate their impact.

~~This bill would repeal the provisions above regarding the Earthquake Research Evaluation Conference and the 1991–92 related grant program. The bill would delete an obsolete cross-reference, repeal an obsolete grant program,~~ transfer funds remaining in the Alfred E. Alquist Earthquake Fund to the Seismic Safety Account in the Insurance Fund, and ~~would~~ appropriate those funds to the Seismic Safety Commission for expenditure in the 2005–06 fiscal year.

Vote: $\frac{2}{3}$. Appropriation: yes. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 ~~SECTION 1. Chapter 14 (commencing with Section 8899.10)~~
2 ~~of Division 1 of Title 2 of the Government Code is repealed.~~

3 ~~SECTION 1. Section 8899.15 of the Government Code is~~
4 ~~amended to read:~~

5 ~~8899.15. The Seismic Safety Commission shall develop a~~
6 ~~final five-year statewide earthquake research plan as part of its~~
7 ~~five-year hazard reduction plan. The findings made by the EREC~~
8 ~~shall be incorporated into the plan.~~

9 ~~The plan shall contain appropriate strategies to receive~~
10 ~~additional federal funding in order to implement the plan—and~~
11 ~~Section 8899.16.~~

12 ~~SEC. 2. Section 8899.26 of the Government Code is repealed.~~

13 ~~8899.26. The Controller, on the effective date of this section,~~
14 ~~shall transfer seven hundred twenty-five thousand dollars~~
15 ~~(\$725,000) from the fund to the Competitive Technology Fund to~~
16 ~~administer and provide grant awards pursuant to Section~~
17 ~~8899.21. From the amount transferred, an amount not more than~~
18 ~~15 percent of the total of the transferred amount and matching~~
19 ~~contributions may be spent on support.~~

20 ~~SEC. 2.~~

21 ~~SEC. 3. The Controller shall transfer any funds remaining in~~
22 ~~the Alfred E. Alquist Earthquake Fund to the Seismic Safety~~
23 ~~Account in the Insurance Fund, created pursuant to Section~~
24 ~~12975.9 of the Insurance Code, which amount is hereby~~
25 ~~appropriated to the Seismic Safety Commission for expenditure~~
26 ~~in the 2005–06 fiscal year.~~